AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 27, 31, 34, 35, and 38, and add Claims 39 through 43 as follows:

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether ~~the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ said reception means receives a command other than a response corresponding to the predetermined command prior to a reception of the response; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case where said determination means determines that ~~the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ said reception means has received the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

15. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 14, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

16. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

17. (Currently Amended) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that ~~the signal is not~~ said reception means receives the command other than the response ~~corresponding to the predetermined command~~ prior to a reception of the response.

18. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the image supply device after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether ~~the signal received by said reception means is a response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ said reception means receives a command other than a response corresponding to the predetermined command prior to a reception of the response; and

control means for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device in a case where said determination means determines that ~~the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ said reception means has received the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

19. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

20. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. (Currently Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that ~~the signal is not~~ said reception means receives the command other than the response ~~corresponding to the predetermined command~~ prior to a reception of the response.

22 - 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A control method for a recording system in which an image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command between the image supply device and the recording apparatus;

a determination step of determining whether or not a command ~~a signal~~ received from a partner [[is]] prior to a response corresponding to the predetermined command ~~after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step~~ is a response corresponding to the predetermined command; and

a change step of changing an issuing timing of a next command in at least one of the image supply device and the recording apparatus, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the ~~signal~~ command received from the partner prior to a reception of the response is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command ~~in said determination step~~.

25. (Original) The control method according to claim 24, wherein in said change step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

26. (Original) The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

27. (Currently Amended) The control method according to claim 25, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time where it is determined that the ~~signal~~ command received from the partner prior to a reception of the response is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command ~~in said determination step~~.

28 - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether ~~the signal~~ a command other than a response corresponding to the predetermined command is received in said reception step [[is]] prior to a reception of the [[a]] response ~~corresponding to the predetermined command~~; and

a control step of controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus in a case where it is determined in said determination step that ~~the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ the command other than the response has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the ~~signal is not~~ command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

35. (Currently Amended) A control method of a recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the image supply device after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether ~~the signal~~ a command other than a response corresponding to the predetermined command is received in said reception step [[is a]] prior to a reception of the response ~~corresponding to the predetermined command~~; and

a control step of controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device in a case where it is determined in said determination step that ~~the signal is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command~~ the command other than the response has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

38. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the ~~signal is not~~ command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

39. (New) The image supply device according to claim 14, further comprising means for discarding the command received from the recording apparatus, in a case where said determination means determines that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to the response.

40. (New) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising means for discarding the command received from the image supply device, in a case where said determination means determines that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to the response.

41. (New) The control method according to claim 24, further comprising a step of discarding the command received from the partner, in a case where said determination step determines that the command is not the response corresponding to the predetermined command.

42. (New) The method according to claim 31, further comprising a step of discarding the command received from the recording apparatus, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to the response.

43. (New) The method according to claim 35, further comprising a step of discarding the command received from the image supply device, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to the response.